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SUBJ: REPORTED GOT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

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1. EMBASSY TOLD BY UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SEREF DURUGONUL THAT RUMORS RE CANCELLATION OF ALL EXISTING IMPORT CONTRACTS NOT RPT NOT CORRECT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RECENTLY INSTRUCTED MOC TO ASSURE THAT IMPORT PRICES DO NOT EXCEED PREVAILING WORLD PRICES. MOC THEREFORE HAS INSTITUTED CERTAIN CHECKS ON PRICES BEFORE LETTERS OF CREDIT MAY BE OPENED. DURUGONUL REFUSED TO DESCRIBE MEASURES OR CONTROLS ADOPTED. HE DID SAY THAT TURKISH FIRMS DENIED PERMISSION TO OPEN LETTERS OF CREDIT BECAUSE OF HIGH CONTRACT PRICES HAVE OBLIGATION TO RENEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH FOREIGN SUPPLIER OR TO CANCEL CONTRACT. THESE CONTROLS HE SAID ARE NECESSARY TO SAVE ECONOMIC HELATH OF TURKEY. THEY ARE AIMED AT THOSE FIRMS THAT HAVE BEEN SPECULATING BUT UNFORTUNATELY HONEST FIRMS WILL BE HURT TOO.

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2. DURUGONUL THEN DISCUSSED CONTINENTAL GRAIN CONTRACT.

IN EFFECT TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO PERMIT TOPRAK MAHSULLERI OFISI (TMO) TO FULFILL NOVEMBER 1974 CONTRACT WITH CONTINENTAL GRAIN BECUASE OF HIGH CONTRACT PRICE COMPARED TO CURRENT WORLD PRICES. DURUGONUL SAID THAT GOT CONSIDERS TMO TO BE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THAT THEREFORE THIS DECISION MAY BE CONSIDERED AS FORCE MAJEURE. HE URGED THAT CONTINENTAL GRAIN CO. COOPERATE IN RENEGOTIATING WITH TMO A NEW CONTRACT REFLECTING CURRENT WORLD PRICES. EMBASSY REP SAID THAT TMO IS CONSIDERED TO BE GOT AGENCY AND THAT THIS REFUSAL BY GOT TO HONOR CONTRACT EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND COULD HAVE GRAVE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS. COMMENTS WAS MADE THAT GOT DIDN'T CARE WHAT THE U.S.A. OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY THOUGHT ABOUT THIS ACTION. THE DECISION WAS MADE FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY AND WAS IRREVERSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY IS IN CONTACT WITH CONTINENTAL GRAIN REP NOW IN ANKARA.

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WILL BE MADE LATER.
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